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RESOLUTION

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ALL PUEBLO COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS RESOLUTION NO. APCG 2019-28

REQUESTING SAN JUAN COUNTY, UTAH RESCIND THE SAN JUAN COUNTY MASTER PLAN AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN TO INCLUDE TRIBAL CONSULTATION WITH PUEBLOS

WHEREAS, the All Pueblo Council of Governors (“APCG”) is comprised of the Pueblos of Acoma, Cochiti, Isleta, Jemez, Kewa, Laguna, Nambe, Ohkay Owingeh, Picuris, Pojoaque, San Felipe, San Ildefonso, Sandia, Santa Ana, Santa Clara, Taos, Tesque, Zia, Zuni, and Ysleta del Sur, each having the sovereign authority to govern their own affairs;

WHEREAS, the purpose of the APCG is to advocate, foster, protect, and encourage the social, cultural, and traditional well-being of the Pueblo Nations; and

WHEREAS, through their inherent and sovereign rights, the APCG will promote the language, health, economic, and educational advancement of all Pueblo people; and

WHEREAS, each APCG member is a federally recognized tribal nation within the United States with its own cultural territory and the sovereign right to protect its traditional cultural properties and sacred sites, whether or not they are located within each Pueblo's current exterior reservation boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the protection of each Pueblo's traditional cultural properties and sacred sites is necessary to each Pueblo's cultural preservation now and into the future; and

WHEREAS, the Bears Ears cultural region encompasses some of the ancestral lands of the Pueblo people and contains tens of thousands of sites of vital ongoing importance to the Pueblo peoples' identity and history, including medicine-gathering locations, villages, great houses, kivas, shrines, burials, petroglyphs, pictographs, ancestral dwellings, and ancient roads; and

WHEREAS, the Bears Ears cultural region includes the Pueblo migration path from Pueblo peoples' place of emergence to their current homelands and traverses the region of San Juan County; and



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WHEREAS, the area described above was significantly populated by Ancestral Puebloans and others for thousands of years, leaving behind dozens of community center sites, Chaco-influenced great houses, great kivas, great roads, and other remnants of cultural and historic significance; and

WHEREAS, Pueblos have an enduring obligation to protect these cultural properties and sacred sites as sacred footprints of modern Pueblo people, whose spirits still reside in those places; and

WHEREAS, protection of traditional cultural properties and sacred sites that exist in San Juan County, that include the night skies, soundscapes, viewsheds and sight-lines is essential to preserving the traditional cultural values and sacred sites that exist the Bears Ears cultural region; and

WHEREAS, all county and state matters impacting Pueblo cultural resources must involve meaningful tribal consultations and the free, prior, and informed consent of the Pueblos; and

WHEREAS, Pueblo sacred sites and cultural resources are under constant threat of grave digging, cultural vandalism, looting, indiscriminate off-road vehicle use, pot sherd and arrowhead collection, forest fires and “chanings,” mining, and logging that damage areas sacred to the Pueblo Peoples, negatively impact the land, and lead to the degradation of wildlife and plant habitats essential to our ability to carry out traditional practices; and

WHEREAS, the development of San Juan County’s San Juan County Master Plan and a San Juan County Resources Management Plan, which did not involve meaningful tribal consultation; and

WHEREAS, in March, 2015, without consulting tribes, the Utah State legislature passed H.B. 393, which designated portions of the proposed Bears Ears National Monument by as an “energy zone” to streamline development, and declared grazing, energy, and mineral development to be the “highest and best use” of public lands; and

WHEREAS, the State of Utah is attempting to seek exemption from a U.S. Forest Service 2001 Roadless Rule, which prevents roadbuilding and logging inside the 1.35 million acre Bears Ears National Monument boundary (and from 4 million acres across the State of Utah) and has not sought tribal consultations; and

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WHEREAS, a referendum seeking segregation of San Juan County, UT, has been proposed for the next election by San Juan County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT, the All Pueblo Council of Governors requests the San Juan County Board of Commissioners rescind and revise the San Juan County Master Plan and the San Juan County Resources Management Plan to include meaningful tribal consultation with the Pueblos; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the All Pueblo Council of Governors opposes the State of Utah's exemption request to the U.S. Forest Service to permit road building on federal lands within Utah; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the All Pueblo Council of Governors opposes the designation of "Energy Zone" by the State of Utah that have direct impacts of Pueblo sacred lands, cultural resources, medicine-gathering places, burials, village sites, and ceremonial places; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the All Pueblo Council of Governors opposes all efforts to segregate San Juan County, UT, as it will have direct impacts on Pueblo cultural resources and sacred places, as well as impacts upon the local tribal communities; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the APCG Chairman and the Office of the All Pueblo Council of Governors, and his designees(s), are authorized to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned officials of the All Pueblo Council of Governors hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. APCG 2019-28 was considered and adopted at a duly called council meeting held on the 26th day of September 2019, and at which time a quorum was present and the same was approved by a vote of ___ in favor, ___ against, ___ abstain, and ___ absent.

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By: _____

APCG Chairman

ATTEST:

APCG Secretary